

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-21 (canceled)

22. (New) An edible composition comprising:

- (a) an amount of at least one plant selected from the genus *Orthosiphon* in the family *Lamiaceae*, or extract thereof, effective to stimulate hair growth upon ingestion; and
- (b) at least one edible ingredient added thereto.

23. (New) An edible composition according to claim 22, wherein the plant of the genus *Orthosiphon* in the family *Lamiaceae* is selected from the group consisting of cat's whiskers (*Orthosiphon aristatus* (Blume) Miq.), *Orthosiphon grandiflorus* Bold., *Orthosiphon rubicundus* Benth., *Orthosiphon spicatus* Benth., and *Orthosiphon stamineus* Benth.

24. (New) An edible composition according to claim 22, comprising 0.1 to 100 g, calculated as dried plant, of the plant or extract thereof.

25. (New) An edible composition according to claim 22, wherein said extract is obtained by extracting with a solvent selected from the group consisting of water, C₁₋₃ alcohol, and a mixture thereof.

26. (New) An edible composition according to claim 22, wherein said composition is in a food form selected from the group consisting of soft drink, juice, tea, powdered juice, powdered soup, cookie, biscuit, cereal, chewing gum, candy, tablet, wafer, rice cracker.

27. (New) An edible composition according to claim 22, wherein said composition is in a form selected from the group consisting of tablets, powder, granules, capsules and chewable tablets.

28. (New) An edible composition according to claim 22, wherein said composition is in a form selected from the group consisting of a solid mass, syrup, powder and jelly.

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29. (New) An edible composition according to claim 22, wherein said composition is in liquid form.